



Durham Police Authority

PRESS RELEASE

'Your Police, Your Say' Surgery

Durham Police Authority is committed to consulting and involving the community to help inform and shape the direction, priorities and plans of policing in County Durham and Darlington.

The Police Authority is inviting you to attend our 'Your Police, Your Say' surgery on Wednesday 17 November 2010 in The Main Hall, Durham Town Hall from 9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m.

At 9.30 a.m. there will be the opportunity to discuss local policing issues and priorities with Members of the Police Authority and the Chief Constable and his staff.

The surgery will be followed by a meeting of the Police Authority and a warm invitation is extended to you to attend the open session of the meeting when the Police Authority discusses its general business.

Mr Peter Thompson, Chairman of Durham Police Authority said

"We have been running Your Police Your Say Surgeries for the last two years and members of the public and Councillors have found them very useful to bring forward policing issues of concern.

However, there is a possibility that because of the need to address costs because of the impact of the Coalition Government's cut backs, some of these surgeries may have to be stopped.

We would urge residents to have a voice and air their opinions by coming along to this session to speak to myself and the Chief Constable, Jon Stoddart"

For further information about 'Your Police, Your Say' Sessions please

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Notes to Editors

Durham Police Authority is an independent body responsible for ensuring Durham Constabulary delivers an efficient and effective police service. It is made up of 17 local people who include 9 councillors, 8 members of the public who are the independent members.

The Authority ensures that the Constabulary is accountable to the people of County Durham and Darlington and ensures that citizens have a say in how they are policed.

The Authority is responsible, amongst other matters, for setting the budget for the Constabulary and, following consultation with local communities, mapping out the strategic direction of policing. This includes agreeing policing priorities and setting the Constabulary challenging targets to drive performance higher.

The Authority's vision

“To be the effective voice of our communities in securing delivery of the highest quality policing.”

Our mission

“Working in partnership to ensure fair, effective and visible policing”

The Authority aims to: -

- Exercise strong and effective leadership in partnership working
- Engage positively with our Citizens and Communities to build confidence in local policing.
- Promote equality, tolerance and respect for human rights.
- Scrutinise and challenge police performance & procedures to secure continuous improvement
- Ensure Effective use of resources

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